

### **Remarks**

The Applicants thank the Examiner for faxing a copy of the Advisory Action dated January 16, 2004 to the Applicants' new counsel of record. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the following remarks and amendments are respectfully requested.

To expedite examination, the Applicants withdraw the amendment filed October 29, 2003 which was not entered by the Examiner. Instead, the Applicants submit the present amendment for entry and examination.

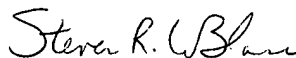
The Applicants have amended the Specification to correct obvious typographical errors and improve readability.

The Applicants have canceled Claims 1-11 and added Claims 12-31 to more clearly recite the present invention and patentably distinguish the claimed invention over the cited references.

The Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in complete condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. Should any issues remain after consideration of this amendment, then Examiner Cocks is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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